

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 243

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Interior
The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
The High Commissioner of the U.S. Trust
Territory of the Pacific Islands
The Director of Peace Corps
The Administrator, Agency for International
Development
Governor of Guam

SUBJECT: Survey Mission for the U.S. Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands

1. Much has been accomplished in the year since the issuance of NSAM No. 145 stating a new policy for the U.S. Trust Territory in the Pacific Islands and creating an Interdepartmental Task Force to put the new policy into effect. We are now at the point where an intensive effort to plan and carry out an expanded program is feasible and would be conducted under circumstances more favorable than those that have prevailed for a long period.

2. I have appointed Mr. Anthony M. Solomon to be a consultant to me and to head a U.S. Government Survey Mission to go to the Trust Territory in the near future to review the major political, economic and social problems facing the people of that Territory. The Mission will gather information and make recommendations needed in the formulation of U.S. policies and programs for a greatly accelerated rate of political, economic and social development in line

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with the obligations of the United States under the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement. In addition, it will gather information through which proposals and recommendations can be developed to prepare the people of the Trust Territory to exercise eventually their free and informed choice concerning their political future.

3. Mr. Solomon's team will be drawn from among the personnel of the responsible agencies, plus certain private individuals of outstanding qualifications who will be employed on a temporary basis.

4. I request all departments and agencies to render assistance to and cooperate with Mr. Solomon in complying with my instruction to him. This is particularly important with respect to, although not limited to, the provision of information, records, personnel and appropriate logistic, and other support where well-trained and qualified personnel or facilities are available. Mr. Solomon, or a representative of the White House staff, will be in touch directly with the departments principally concerned in this matter.

John F. Kennedy

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